

Application Number 10/784,124
Responsive to Office Action mailed July 13, 2007

REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated July 13, 2007. Applicant has amended claim 14. Claims 1, 4–15, 18–26, and 28–35 are pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claim 14 as including subject matter that would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph. Applicant has amended claim 14 for purposes of clarification. As discussed below, claim 14 is in condition for allowance.

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 4–11, 15, 18–20 and 28–35 as including subject matter that would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowability.

Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has amended claim 14 for purposes of clarification. Applicant submits that claim 14, as amended, particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter, as required by 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

Rejection for Obviousness-type Double Patenting:

The Examiner provisionally rejected claims 1, 12, 13 and 21–25 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1–3, 5 and 13–16 of copending U.S. Application Serial No. 10/784,109. The Examiner provisionally rejected claim 26 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 25 of copending U.S. Application Serial No. 10/784,109.

A Terminal Disclaimer accompanies this Amendment. The disclaimer is made to expedite issuance and is not intended as an admission that any claim of the present application is the same or an obvious variant of those of U.S. Application Serial No. 10/784,109. This

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disclaimer obviates the double patenting rejection and places claims 1, 12, 13 and 21-25 in a condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

All claims in this application are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt allowance of all pending claims. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 50-1778. The Examiner is invited to telephone the below-signed attorney to discuss this application.

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